CORRESPONDENCE.

Echo, Kansas.

DEAR EDITOR: I will try to write you a few lines to let you know that your paper is a very welcome visitor to our house and is always read with the greatest of pleasure. We regret that there is no church organized here in this vicinity by the Brethren yet; but we hope the time is not far distant when we will have a church here. We hope that God will direct some good laborer this way soon, as we see the accounts of so many revivals in the paper. Oh how we wish we could be at some of them. We have only one minister of the Progressives within fifty miles of here, and that is brother Joseph Michaels, and he can't fill half the calls that are made on him, so we are left without but very few meetings of our choice in this locality. We hope some good minister will come and settle in this part of the country to help brother Joseph to gather in the sheaves as they are many and the field is large. There is plenty of room for laborers to work. Good brother Hixson gave us a call in January and preached six sermons for us, but the weather was bad. Hope he will call again soon. Outsiders say that they never heard such good sermons preached in the Colger school-house before

A. TUTTLE.

Echo, Kansas.

Nickerson, Kansas.

March 1.—Arrived at home this evening, from conveying Bro. J. W. Beer eighteen miles north of Nickerson, to his regular appointment. On account of sickness in Bro. Beer's family, we were not able to go on Saturday, so we postponed going till Sunday so that we did not arrive till after the forenoon appointment, so went to Bro. Shank's and they circulated the word through the neighborhood that Bro. Beer had arrived and would be there to fill his evening appointment. Although the word did not have much time to be circulated, there were quite a number out, and we had a good meeting, and by the request of the brethren, that Bro. Beer should remain and hold a series of meetings, he concluded to stay a week at least and if necessary would stay longer. May God bless our brother in trying to proclaim the word of truth to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. May God work through him so that some may be brought back to the fold of God.

Bro. Beer filled his regular appointment at Christopher, February the 1st, and reports one more by baptism.

Brethren I have one request to make and that is, when you write call the Brethren, Brethren; and when you speak of the G. B. Brethren call them by their name. The reason I make this request is because we quite frequently see in het EVANGELIST of some brother moving into our county or some adjoining county and we always have a desire to get acquainted with the Brethren and sometimes when we have found them they are G. B. Brethren or Old order Brethren.

Pray for us that we may prosper in the cause of Christ.

S. F. LEHMAN.

New Enterprise Church.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—On Sunday evening, Feb. 28th, we preached our last sermon in New Enterprise church as its pastor. This was the closing of the meeting conducted by bro. McFaden, who left on Friday previous, and your humble servant sort of came in on the "home stretch" and continued the meeting over the following Sabbath. Results of the meeting, four additions by baptism, being heads of families, we predict useful workers in the church. Bro. "Duke" preached excellent discourses, methodical, practical, and biblical. Bro. J. G. Snyder will now wear the mantle as pastor, for the coming year; bro. S. was formerly a minister in the G. B. church, was never considered very orthodox however,—he wore a straight coat and dressed with considerable taste, combed his hair nicely, and could never exactly strike the right line, would always get south or north of the Equator, and hence was sort of a "pestilent fellow." Yet with all this, an unspotted character, as a citizen and minister, of course he was a leper, and had to leave the camp. He it is, that will assume the pastorate of the Martinsburg and Enterprise churches, and we feel assured will be successful.

We said "good bye" to our warm hearted brethren and sisters after our "last Sermon"—and we did so, feeling that they did, to some extent at least, appreciate our week labors, and what confirmed us more fully in this seemingly egotistical opinion, was this: On last Saturday morning a two horse wagon stopped in front of our home, perched upon that wagon were brethren "Obe" Over, (who held the ribbons) Lee Furry and George Z. Replogle, who were delegated by the brethren, and sisters, and friends, to bring to us a *solid* reminder of their appreciation of our services. The contents of that wagon—bro. Editor—were such, that today we are willing to compare larders with any preacher in all the land. Ah yes! we knew long ago, that there were lots of Marys and Marthas and good Samaritans in the Enterprise church; and now we know whereof we affirm.

Our weak prayers go up, brethren and sisters, in your behalf, and may our beneficent Father bless you in this life with an hundred fold, and in the other life—a crown of glory. Accept the heartfelt thanks of our "other half" and self for this practical manifestation of kindness.

Yours Fraternally WILL L. SPANOGLE.

Martinsburg, Pa., March. 8th, 1886.

From California.

We are now holding a protracted meeting at Lathrop, Cal. The attendance is good, and there seems to be a fair interest manifested. We have very pleasant weather. Almond and Apricot trees are in full bloom, and figs are beginning to put forth. San Joaquim Valley is in its glory. Everything resembles May in Ohio. Old citizens say they never saw a better prospect for a good crop than there is now. Farmers will now have about three months of slack time; and this time we want to improve in holding protracted meetings in different places. Eld. J. P. Wolfe is assisting; and grand-pa, or Uncle George, as we call him, is with us most of the time. He is getting old and cannot assist us much, except by his presence and efficient counsel. I wish to say that preparrtory to our meeting, sister Annie, wife of Eld. J. P. Wolfe, visited some of our brethren, sisters, and friends, and the result was a suitable suit of clothes for the preacher, your correspondent. She knows how to do a good thing at the right time. I hereby heartily thank her, and all who contributed, for their kindness, and hope that they may be richly rewarded.

To assist in stirring up an interest in the good work, we distributed a two page tract entitled "An Earnest Appeal." I send you a copy, which you will please publish in connection with this correspondent. I think it would be the means of doing much good, if we should use tracts freely in our protracted meeting and mission work.

When our meeting is over, I will report.

J. W. BEER

Lathrop, Cal., Feb. 24th, 1886.

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

Union means strength and success; division, weakness and failure. It is right to unite our energies and means for the accomplishment of good When it is intended to make any public improvements or political changes, to achieve anything in civil affairs or bring about any moral reform, and, in fact, when we wish to accomplish anything for the good of mankind, we try to unite all our available forces. We agitate, educate, urge and plead, and do all we can to bring about the desired end. We lay aside political differences, ignore distinctions of caste, and even waive our personal preferences and advantages, that we may unite with others in doing what we believed to be for the greatest good of the greatest number. This is true philanthropy.

The great Teacher says: "The children of the world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." If we unite our means in temporal things how much more should we do so in things of eternal interest. If we lay aside our personal feelings and animosities to save a drowning man, we should certainly deny ourselves of a little comfort and a few conveniences to save a perishing sinner.

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 18th, 1886, marks the beginning of a protracted meeting conducted by the Brethren in the UNION CHURCH AT LATHROP, CAL.

It is our earnest purpose to do all we can to promote the cause of Christianity, and to save sinners from the guilt, power and consequences of sin. We acknowledge no law in religion but the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and we earnestly invite all good people to unite with us in this effort to do good. We plead with you, yea we *beseech* you to "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty." You shall be abundantly rewarded for all your self denial and all the good you can do; and you shall be sadly accountable for any good influence or effort you may withhold. Do not, we beseech you, allow yourself to disregard this earnest appeal.

You need all the religion that Christ can give, and the cause needs all the help and influence you can afford. You have friends who are perishing, neigbors who are dying, and, perhaps some who read this appeal, are yet under the dominion and guilt and of sin. Whatever may be your condition, we implore you to deny yourself, if need be, of a little rest, a little sleep, a little pleasure, and even a little business, that you may meet with us and give, at least, the influence of your presence for the success of this great work. Come yourself, bring your friends, encourage your neighbors, and the Lord will reward you.

Services will open promptly at 7 o'clock each evening. The duration of the meeting will be determined by circumstances.

Meetings in day-time will be announced at the evenings. Bring your Gospel Hymn books. Come to the first Meeting if you can; but if you cannot, then come as soon as you can and as regularly as possible. Pray for the success of this meeting and labor for its success to the extent of your ability, that God's children may be revived, and sinners saved.

May the Lord accompany this appeal to the heart, and stir us up to a keen sense of our duties, privileges and responsibilities; and may his richest blessings rest on us all, is our sincere wish and earnest prayer.

Resolutions of Respect.

Brother Abel Findley, near Johnstown, Pa., aged fifty-eight years, ten months, and twenty-four days. departed this life Feb. 14, 1886, after a brief illness of less than a week. He was a member of the German Baptist church, until the expulsion from thence: when he become a strong advocate of the "gospel alone principles" which is the doctrine of the Brethren church.

Our brother as an ever faithful teacher and co-worker in both church and Sabbath school is greatly missed. But we trust our loss is his eternal gain.

WHEREAS, our God who rules heaven and earth and all that is contained therein, and doeth all things for the good of them that love and serve him, has seen fit in his infinite wisdom and power, to remove from our numbers our worthy and esteemed brother, and co-worker both in the religious and social circle. Brother Abel Findley. We therefore,

Resolved, That the cheerful smiles and pleasant greetings of our sincere brother will be forever missed.

Resolved, That he will be held in grateful remembrance, for the assistance he has rendered us; and for the kindness, sociability and love, exercised by him in our midst. and,

Resolved, That we as a Sabbath school take our departed brother's example in showing to the world that we are truly what we profess.

Resolved, That we also extend to the bereaved friends of the deceased, our heartfelt sympathy, with the promise to share with them in their grief.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased..

The above resolutions were adopted by the Rosedale Sabbath-school, Feb. 28, 1886.

JOHN J. BENSHOFF.
SADIE SHAFFER.
RACHEL BENSHOFF.
Committee.

DIED.

MAYNE:—On March 3rd, 1886, Jesse Edward Mayne. the only son of Sister Kate Mayne of Farmersville Ohio, aged 3 years 5 months and 25 days. It is only last September that the little child's father, our Sister's husband, departed this life. May God bless and comfort the widow in this double affliction.

EDWARD MASON.

SHOCKEY—Near Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa. in the Antietam congregation, fell asleep in Jesus. Bro. Christian Shockey, aged 78 yrs., 1mo., 29 days.

The deceased united with the church about fifty-four years ago, and when the Old Brethren took a stand against the fast movements in the old church, he promptly took his stand.

The funeral services were held on the 14th at Amsterdam meeting-house, introduced by the writer. Sermons by Elder D. F. Good, of the old Brethren, and Elder J. F. Oller, of the Conservatives. Text: "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."—Rev. 19:9. D. B. MENTZER,—IN VINDICATOR.